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### **Assessment Progress Introduction**

On-time property tax billing is a culmination of a year's worth of work of locally elected officials. The process can be separated into two stages: Assessment-to-Budget and Budget-to-Tax billing. Because these two stages are closely tied, delays in any of the steps in these two stages can have an affect on the timing of property tax bills.

The first step in on-time billing is timely completion of the assessment process, also known as trending, a function of the office of the county assessor. Once the county assessor has completed trending, a report called a "ratio study" is submitted to the state for review and approval. Once the ratio study is approved, the assessor submits the gross assessed values to the county auditor, who then applies deductions and exemptions to determine the final net assessed values of properties. This information is then used to determine tax rates, which translate in tax bills for property tax payers.

The following five reports contain information provided by the county to show their progress in completing the 2007-pay-2008 assessment process.

The first two separate reports are of the Real Property and Personal Property status in a particular county. They show detailed synopsis of progress made, problems or delays encountered, and goals set by the county assessor. Information provided in these reports has been taken from correspondence and conversations with county officials.

The third report is of the status for the county's seven "Data Submissions." While some datasets show a significant "Number of Days Late," there are many factors which cause delays in submission of data that are outside a county official's control. These factors include but are not limited to: prior administration's delays, computer program glitches/problems, delays in receiving required information from other locally elected officials, vendor delays and legislative changes.

The last two reports are charts showing the progress of the county as updated by the county assessor. These visual aids illustrate the timeline of the "year in the life of a county assessor" and show where the county assessor falls in their steps toward on-time tax billing. The summary version shows only the key steps required for completion before their values are submitted to the county auditor. The detailed version shows each of the specific steps and the very detailed processes involved in arriving at a county's final gross assessed values.

Because each report is very technical in nature, please feel free to visit our website at <a href="https://www.in.gov/dlgf/2339.htm">www.in.gov/dlgf/2339.htm</a> for a glossary of terms used.

# Clark County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

Dataset: 2008 Assessor Real Property Compliance Status: r-nr

County Official Responsible: Vicki Haire

Date Took Office: 1/1/2007

Level of Certification received by or before November 2007: Level I

Workplan Submitted: 12/12/2007

Workplan Detail Requested by DLGF: 12/20/2007

Workplan Detail Submitted: 12/21/2007

2007 Pay 2008 Ratio Study Received:

Workbook Values:

Ratio Study Approved:

#### Estimated Date for Completion:

2/10/2008

#### What Work for Dataset has been Accomplished?

2/22/08 update: working with Vendor to correct taxing district issues in real property data file for 6p7 and prior years. All 2005 and 2006 sales have been entered & validated

## Roll to Auditor?

asap after 2/10/08

Date for Splits and Combinations Entered? completed

2007 Pay 2008 New Construction Entered? completed

Date for completed 2007 Sales Disclosures entered?

Date for Neighborhood Analysis? 10/31/2007

Date for Sales Analysis? 11/10/2007

Date for Land Valuation? 12/15/2007

Date for Improvement Valuation - Cost Approach: 1/25/2008

<u>Date for Improvement Valuation - Income Approach:</u> 1/25/2008

<u>Date for Improvement Valuation - Sales Approach:</u> 1/25/2008

Current Vendor: Nexus

Vendor Contract Must Meet Statutory Deadlines? yes

Pay Vendor When Deadline Met or Monthly? deadline

Warned Vendor for Failure to Meet Deadline? yes

Vendor Contract for 2008 Pay 2009? no

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# Clark County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

Dataset: 2008 Assessor Real Property Compliance Status: r-nr

2008 Pay 2009 Vendor:

#### *Township Actions that Delayed County Duties:*

do not turn over their assessment work timely

### How are Township Actions Being Resolved?

repeated reminders; some contracting out to handle workload

## Other County Action/Documentation of Efforts:

Most of efforts in the beginning were via phone. More recent correspondance saved via emails, and more effort to document all efforts. Will obtain copies of all correspondance & submit if requested. 8p9 contract not initiated, however are talking with County attorneys to see what language can be put in place to make sure vendor adhere's to deadlines

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## Clark County Status on 2007 Pay 2008 Assessments

(Per correspondence with County Officials)

**Dataset:** 2008 Personal Property

**Compliance Status:** Pending

County Official Responsible: Vicki Haire

Date Took Office: 1/1/2007

<u>Level of Certification received by or before November 2007:</u> Level I

**Estimated Date for Completion:** 

11/30/2007

What Work for Dataset has been Accomplished?

completed & submitted

**Roll to Auditor?** 

Date for 2008 Mobile Home Valuation:

Current Vendor: AS2, INC

Vendor Contract Must Meet Statutory Deadlines?

Pay Vendor When Deadline Met or Monthly?

Warned Vendor for Failure to Meet Deadline?

Vendor Contract for 2008 Pay 2009?

2008 Pay 2009 Vendor:

Township Actions that Delayed County Duties:

How are Township Actions Being Resolved?

Other County Action/Documentation of Efforts:

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# Clark County Data Status on Assessment Year 2007 Pay 2008 Data Submissions

ABSTRACT Office - Auditor	2007
Date Data Due	3/15 of the Pay Year
Date Loaded	
Number of Days Late	47
Compliance Status	
BUDGETORDER	
Office - Auditor	2007
Date Data Due	2/15 of the Pay Year
Date Loaded	
Number of Days Late	76
Compliance Status	
PARCEL	
Office - Assessor	2007
Date Data Due	10/1 of the Assessment Year
Date Loaded	3/18/2008
Number of Days Late	170
Compliance Status	r-nr
PERSPROP	
Office - Assessor	2007
Date Data Due	10/1 of the Assessment Year
Date Loaded	12/3/2007
Number of Days Late	63
Compliance Status	Pending
RATIOSTUDY	
Office - Assessor	2007
Date Data Due	6/1 of the Assessment Year
Date Loaded	
Number of Days Late	335
Compliance Status	

Note: Number of Days Late refers to the most recent submission with Compliance Status noted. Note to County Official: If you disagree with these dates, please submit a written explanation with supporting documentation to data@dlgf.in.gov.

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# Clark County Data Status on Assessment Year 2007 Pay 2008 Data Submissions

SALEDISC Office - Assessor	2007	
Date Data Due	3/1 of the Pay Year	
Date Loaded	3/7/2008	
Number of Days Late	6	
Compliance Status	r-nr	
TAXDATA Office - Auditor	2007	
Date Data Due	3/1 of the Pay Year	
Date Loaded		
Number of Days Late	61	
Compliance Status	No data	

Note: Number of Days Late refers to the most recent submission with Compliance Status noted. Note to County Official: If you disagree with these dates, please submit a written explanation with supporting documentation to data@dlgf.in.gov.

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